

# **STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 8, 2015**

**ATTENDEES:** Ron Baldwin, SCIO, SIGB Vice Chair; Joe Briggs, MACO; Jon Swartz, MDT; Curt Stinson, MACOP; Bob Drake, MVFFA; Jason Smith, Governor's Office; Geoff Feiss, MTA

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Keith Cook, Motorola; Dorothy Gremaux, MLCT

**GUESTS:** Sandra Barrows, Barrows Consulting; Bob Armstrong, MHP; Mike Feldman, DOJ

**STAFF:** Quinn Ness, PSCB; Rhonda Sullivan, PSCB; Trudy Skari, PSCB; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Carrie Castle, PSCB

**Call to Order:** Ron Baldwin, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order 1:30 pm. Introductions were complete. Ron introduced Curt Stinson as a new board member representing the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (Roger Nasset is now his alternate).

**Approval of Minutes:** Joe Briggs moved to accept the August minutes and Jon Swartz seconded. The motion carried.

**2015 Draft Executive Order Continuing the SIGB:** Quinn Ness provided the recently edited 2015 Governor's Executive Order for review: **MOTION:** Geoff Feiss motioned to accept the 2015 Executive Order as amended, Joe Briggs seconded and the motion carried.

**FirstNet Coverage Objectives:** Dan Sullivan provided explanation as to the findings regarding the Montana FirstNet Coverage Objectives:

To date, Dan has received address lists from MSPOA, MACOP, DES and Volunteer Firefighters Association.

**Mobile Data Survey:** To date, there is an 82% public safety entity response to the survey. Survey results depict the following information:

- 92% of agency use of personal devices for work;
- 79% provide no stipend provided for use of personal devices;
- 70% report coverage is a barrier;
- 56% report operating the system is not a problem;
- 75% report there are cost barriers;
- 54% report there are network reliability barriers;

- 56% report wire expertise for wireless data is not a barrier;
- 70% report there are coverage barriers;
- 51% report there are no security barriers.

Other information depicted included:

- Comparisons of officers vs. civilians;
- Fire personnel by type;
- Out-of-state visitor considerations: National Parks, bed tax by region, skier visits.

FirstNet's deployment vision by priority: 1) urban areas, 2) suburban areas 3) rural areas. Phase I deployment includes current locations of existing 4G LTE; and Phase II includes conversion of 3G sites to 4G.

- FirstNet will be focusing on incorporated cities and towns; therefore, they will need to be aware that most Montana towns are not included in Montana's incorporated portions.
- Dan will look into tourism/transient map that would be helpful in identifying travel population numbers.

Coverage Area Priorities:

- **Provide the FirstNet Network to sixty-three county seats/tribal headquarters** over seven (7) build-out phases.
- **Provide coverage on Montana highways** in order of traffic usage with initial coverage to include Interstates, and other heavily traveled routes to Glacier National Park (GNP) and Yellowstone National Park (YNP) in the summers and heavily traveled routes to Montana's destination ski areas in the winter.
- **Provide coverage to critical infrastructure** including dams, power plants, transmission lines, industrial sites and railroads.

- **Provide coverage to rural** Incorporated Towns, Census Designated Places (CDP), farm and ranch areas; and, in areas not otherwise classified other than this segment of the population lives in counties.
- **Provide a full range of deployable** equipment that can reach a cell tower or satellite. It is particularly important to provide data and communications to forest and wild land fire fighters as well as emergency management personnel who respond to floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

In order to review the document further, a conference call will be scheduled on Sept. 22; with a new version being drafted to incorporate new feedback.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.